

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA :
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-v- : 20-CR-072 (JMF)
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ROBERT BERRY :
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Defendant. :
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JESSE M. FURMAN, United States District Judge:

In light of the circumstances surrounding COVID-19, the Court will not hold the upcoming conference in this case in person. Counsel are directed to confer and, **within two business days of this Order**, submit a joint letter indicating their views on whether a conference is necessary or if it should be adjourned (and, if so, for how long). If there is a need for a conference, counsel should indicate their views on whether the Court can, consistent with the Constitution, the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, the CARES Act, and any other applicable law, conduct the conference by telephone or video and, if applicable, whether the Defendant consents to appearing in that manner and/or to waiving his/her appearance altogether.

After reviewing the parties' joint letter, the Court will issue an order indicating whether the conference is cancelled and addressing any other relevant deadlines and information. If a conference is held, it will be by telephone or video, albeit perhaps at a different time. To that end, if counsel believe that a conference would be appropriate, they should indicate in their joint letter dates and times during the week of the currently scheduled conference that they would be available for a telephone or video conference. In either case, counsel should review and comply with the Court's Emergency Individual Rules and Practices in Light of COVID-19, available at <https://nysd.uscourts.gov/hon-jesse-m-furman>.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: April 20, 2020
New York, New York


JESSE M. FURMAN
United States District Judge